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Update for AIDS Drug Assistance Program (9 AAC 6, Article 4)

The Department is amending the rules for the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) in Title 9, Chapter 6, Article 4 to:

- Add definitions;
- Clarify the application process and notification requirements;
- Specify that individuals enrolled in ADAP, primary care providers, and case managers must notify the Department of specific changes that may affect eligibility or the Department's ability to contact the individual or primary care provider;
- Address changes that have occurred in the program with respect to the implementation of Medicare Part D and the use of a vendor pharmacy for drug distribution;
- Specify the conditions for provisional enrollment;
- Specify the requirements for distribution of prescription drugs, including the requirements for the vendor pharmacy;
- Specify how restricted drugs may be requested; and
- Addresses the circumstances under which the Department's approval of a restricted drug may be terminated.

The Department submitted a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to the Office of the Secretary of State, which was published in the *Arizona Administrative Register* on May 18, 2007. During the public comment period, two written comments were received. The Oral Proceeding for this rulemaking was held on July 3, 2007, at 1 p.m., at 150 N 18th Avenue, Room 540A, Phoenix, Arizona 85007-3233. No oral comments were received. The Department has submitted a Notice of Final Rulemaking to the Governor's Regulatory Review Council, and expects these rules to be reviewed at the meeting on September 11, 2007.